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AF/W FOR BISHOP

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AFSP, ML
SUBJECT: POST COMMENTS ON INSPECTION REPORT

REF: BISHOP-MCGUIRE LTR OF JULY 6

1. INSPECTION REPORT ON BAMA KO WAS GENERALLY ACCURATE AND PERCEPTIVE (YOU HAVE AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON ONE SPECIFIC PROBLEM, BAMA KO 2473). POINT ABOUT UNDERFUNDING OF STATE ADMIN SIDE OF EMBASSY IS ALL TOO TRUE AND NOW MADE WORSE BY COMPLETE TURNOVER OF ADMIN PERSONNEL AND FAILURE TO FILL GSO POSITION.

2. COMMENTS ON RECOMMENDATIONS ARE KEYED TO PARAGRAPHS IN INSPECTION REPORT BEGINNING PAGE 7:

(1) EMBASSY BAMA KO HAS INCREASED HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS WITH TOP-RANKING MALIAN OFFICIALS; CABLE TRAFFIC BEARS THIS OUT, INCLUDING THE PERIOD PRIOR TO THE INSPECTORS' ARRIVAL.

(2) AGREE.

(3) THIS PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE BEHIND US NOW. APPROVAL HAS BEEN SPEEDED UP.

(4) THERE IS NOBODY AT POST WHO HAS EXPERIENCE OR TRAINING IN INVENTORY CONTROL PROCEDURES. THE SITUATION IS SERIOUS AND WE WILL BE REQUESTING TDY ASSISTANCE.

(5) WE HAVE LEASED ADDITIONAL SPACE. PROBLEM GREATLY ALLEVIATED.

(6) WE PLAN TO SUBMIT INCREASE-DECREASE STATEMENT SOON.
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(7) EMBASSY BAMA KO RESPECTFULLY STATES ITS TOTAL AGREEMENT.
(8) THIS IS MINOR PROBLEM THAT IS HANDLED INFORMALLY BY

THE GSO. INSPECTORS OVERSTATED THE PROBLEM BECAUSE OF A FEW BAD EXAMPLES BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION.

(9) TOTAL AGREEMENT. DEPARTMENT IS UNRESPONSIVE HERE, POSSIBLY FOR FEAR THAT AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE FOREIGN VEHICLES WOULD FILL THE MOTOR POOL WITH MERCEDES. NOT TRUE.

(10) GOOD IDEA, BUT MANY ARE ILLITERATE AND THIS TAKES TIME.

(11) THE FSL ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST HAS SINCE COME UNDER SUSPICION AND IS NO LONGER AS VALUABLE AN EMPLOYEE AS HE WAS AT TIME OF INSPECTION. WE PREFER TO TRAIN OTHERS.

(12) DONE.

(13) BEING CARRIED OUT. NEW PIT POSITION WAS GREAT HELP.

(14) AGREE, BUT THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS SUCH AS EMBASSY NURSE, NOW IN HER NINTH YEAR, WHO CONSISTENTLY TURNS IN HIGH PERFORMANCE.

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